A

SCHEME

FOR

preventing the Exportation of WOOL.

THE keeping our Wool from being exported into Forein Parts, is allowed by all Woollen Manfacturers to be the only means to fruſtrate the *French*, or any other Nation to rival us in our Woollen Goods; which no doubt was the Motive that the Honourable Houſe of Commons on the 6*th*. Day of *June* laſt, ordered a Bill to be brought in for the preventing the Exportation of our Wool. Therefore, if the following Scheme be exactly obſerved, according to the Heads hereunder ſet forth; and the Account regularly kept, according to the Specimen for Two Counties, as is hereafter ſet forth; will be an effectual Cure for the great Miſchief this Nation has ſo long groaned under. It will be impoſſible that one Pack of Wool can be conveyed into *France*, or any other forein Parts, but the Proprietors of ſuch Wool ſhall be detected, and found out, and liable to ſuffer ſuch Puniſhments as any Law ſhall inflict upon them.

The HEADS following are,

1. That on the 1*ſt*, of *April* yearly, or as ſoon after as poſſibly can be, an Officer ſhall take an Account of all Wool as Stock in Hand, before the Seaſon comes on for ſhearing of Sheep.

2. For the better aſcertaining the yearly Growth and Increaſe of Wool in *England*, as well as the Conſumption and Decreaſe thereof; the aforeſaid Officer ſhall at the ſame Time take an Account of the Stock or Number of Sheep in the poſſeſſion of any Gentleman, Graſier, Farmer, or any other Perſon that hath Sheep to ſhear; and that all Perſons ſhould be obliged to render a true Account thereof.

3. That Notice be given (by all Gentlemen, Graſiers and Farmers, or others that keep Sheep to ſhear; as aforeſaid) to the Officer at the next Market-Town near where they live; when and where they ſhall ſhear their Sheep, with the Number of Sheep they intend ſo to ſhear; which Officer ſhall immediately after the ſhearing is done, number the Fleeces, and weigh the ſame; and make a Charge of the Number of Fleeces, and Todds weight to ſuch Gentleman, Graſier or Farmer's Account.

4. That on Sale of any of the ſaid Wool, either that of Stock in Hand left the preceeding Year, or any of the Wool of the preſent Year's Growth, the Proprietors thereof ſhall before the Removal give Notice to the aforeſaid Officer, and take a *Permit* for ſuch Removal, ſpecifying the Quantity of Todds and Fleeces, by whom ſold, and to whom and to be ſent, with their Numbers, Marks and Weights on each Bag; that the Perſon in ſuch Place where ſuch *Permit* is granted to be removed to, may ſee the ſame according to the Direction of ſuch Permit, which Officer without Reward upon Production of ſuch houſing, and give the Perſon, bringing the ſame for that purpoſe, a Certificate for his or her Diſcharge for ſo much of their Stock; and likewiſe a new Charge upon the Party to whom the Permit was granted.

5. That

5. That, *toties quoties*, the ſaid Wool is removed, to take a Permit from the proper Officers, and to receive back a Teſtification from other proper Officers where it is ſent, until it comes into the Conſumers Hands.

6. That when it comes into the Manufacturer's Hands, for him to diſcharge his Account of the Wool by him bought and brought home, by the Number of Pieces of Broad-Cloths, Narrow-Cloths, Druggets, Stuffs, Bays, Says, Blankets, Stockings, or any other Goods he makes uſe of Wool for; and what the Manufacturer does not make uſe of to work up himſelf, but that he ſhall again ſell to other Perſons, he ſhall take *Permits* for ſuch Remainders as in Caſe of Woolſtaplers, that a new Charge may be made to ſuch Perſon that ſuch Conſumer, or Manufacturer ſells the ſame to.

7. That Fellmongers, in whoſe Hands comes the Produce of Fell-wool, commonly called Head-wool from the Skins after the killing of Sheep and Lambs, ſhall once in every Month or oftner if required, make an Entry with the Officer at the next Market-Town where ſuch Fellmonger lives, of what Produce of Wool he hath had in that Months time; which Entry to be made on Oath before a Juſtice of Peace; and the ſaid Juſtice to give a Certificate thereof *gratis*.

8. That ſuch Fellmonger ſhall be chargeable with ſuch Wool, and to be diſcharged *Permit* only, in the like Manner as the Farmer is.

9. That all Perſons keeping Sheep, and Fell-Mongers from whom comes the Produce of all our Wool being charged with the Increaſe thereof, ſhall be accountable to the Nation for the Diſpoſal of it, in ſuch Manner as is before recited; and ſuch of them who cannot make a fair Balance of all Wool which they are yearly juſtly charged with, either by Permits, Conſumption, or Stock of Wool remaining in their Cuſtody the 1*ſt*. of *April* every Year, or as ſoon after as their Accounts can be ſettled; what Deficiencies do then appear, ſhall be accounted a Miſapplication of ſuch Proprietor's Wool, and deemed as ſo much Wool exported by them to *France*, and ſuffer the ſame Penalties of Forfeiture of for every Pound weight, as exported Wool to *France* does forfeit.

10. That by this Method, if due Care be taken to make a yearly Charge upon the growth of our Wool, the Proprietors to ſecure themſelves from the Penalty in the before-going Article, and likewiſe all others in whoſe Hands it ſhall afterwards come, will in no Ways be aiding and abetting to export the ſame to *France*; nor is it poſſible for them to do it without being found out, and fixt upon them to ſuffer the Penalty; ſo that the whole depends in bringing the yearly Growth and Increaſe of our Wool to a true Center, and then the Method here propoſed in keeping the Account of Wool, (as in the Specimen for Two Counties) will do all the reſt of the Work, and make an effectual Cure thereof.

11. That by this Means and Method the Government may ſave all the Charge of Frigats and armed Sloops to cruiſe at Sea to prevent the running of our Wool to *France*; which by an Act of the 10*th*. and 11*th*. of *William* the 3*d*. is ordered, and their ſeveral Stations alotted them for the Prevention aforeſaid; which Charge, as by the Accounts given thereof, amounts to Annually about 29000 *l*.

12. That a ſmall Duty of 4*d*. or 6*d*. at moſt, on every Todd of Wool on the Firſt Grower or Fellmonger, with 6 *d*. for every Permit, will be about ſufficient to anſwer the whole Charge, which may be as follows.

A Computation of the whole Charge of Officers *and* Offices *to be employed in the preventing of Engliſh* WOOL *to be Exported to* FRANCE.

IN every Market Town in *England* to have an Officer; and there being about 900 Market-Towns: but becauſe it may be requiſite to have more than one Officer in one Place, we compute 1000 Officers, which at 20 *l. per Ann.* each, comes to	20000
There being about 40 Counties in *England* and *Wales*, to have 40 Supervifors to take an Account from the Market-Town Officers, and to be Checks to them on all Occaſions, at 100 *l. per Ann.* each.	4000
In every County, in ſome principal Town, to keep a Regiſter-Office, being 40; at 10 *l. per Ann.* each, comes to	400
40 Chief Clerks Accomptants, One in each Office; at 60 *l.* each *per Ann.* comes to	2400
40 Clerks Aſſiſtants, at 30 *l.* each *per Ann.*	1200
	28000

A Principal Office in *London*, the Charge whereof may come to as follows,

5 Commiſſioners, at 300 *l. per Ann.* each	1500
10 Clerks one with the other, at 50 *l.* each *per Ann.*	500
For an Office, Fire and Candles yearly	150
A Houſe-keeper and a Servant to look after the Office, and clean the ſame, with Taxes, and other Incidents	150
A Receiver or Treaſurer, *per Ann.*	100
Books for all the Officers, and for the main Offices, as well *London* as *Country*, and other Stationers Ware	600
	31000

Letters, the Poſtage to be allowed free, to and from the Grand Office in *London*; or otherwiſe, the Charge of Poſtage may come to from all Parts in *England* 500 *l. per Ann.* 500

Buckinghamshire *chargeable with the following* P
Wool.

	Tods	l.	s.	d.	
Thomas Knight, of *Sherrington* (Farmer) *Debtor*;					
1712, *Jun.* 5. To Stock in hand then taken, being 96 T. of *Sheepwool*, at 6*d.*	96	02	08	00	713,
1713, *Jun.* 7. To 125 Tod of *ditto*, at *ditto*	125	03	02	06	
Ditto. To 78 Tods of *Lambwool*, at 4*d.*	78	01	06	00	713,
	299	06	16	06	

James Betts, of *Lathbury* (Grasier) *Debtor*;

1713, *Jun.* 10. To 248 Tods of *Sheepwool* shorn this Year, at 6*d. per* Tod	248	06	04	00	713,

John Johnson, of *Ailsbury* (Farmer) *Debtor*;

1713, *May* 31. To 63 Tods of *Sheepwool*, at 6*d. per* Tod	63	01	11	06	713
Ditto. To 96 Tods of *Lambwool*, at 4*d. per* Tod	96	01	12	00	
	159	03	03	06	

Thomas Purrat, of *Newportpagnel* (Farmer) *Debtor*;

1712, *Jun.* 5. To Stock in hand then taken of *Fleecesheepwool*, at 6*d. per* T.	240	06	00	00	713
Ditto. To *ditto* of *Lambwool*, at 4*d. per* T.	130	02	03	04	
1713, *May* 30. To 126 Tods of *ditto*, at *ditto*	126	02	02	00	714
Ditto. To 150 Tods of *Sheepwool*, at 6*d. per* Tod	150	03	15	00	714
	646	14	00	04	

William Hardhead, of *Olmy* (Grasier) *Debtor*;

1712, *Jun.* 5. To Stock in hand then taken of *Fleecesheepwool*, at 6*d. per* T.	140	03	10	00	
1713, *Jul.* 14. To 160 Tods *ditto*, of this Years growth, at *ditto*	160	04	00	00	14
Ditto. To 100 Tods of *Lambwool*, at 4*d. per* Tod	100	01	13	04	
	400	09	03	04	

Per Contra, Diſcharged.

Per Contra	Creditor,	Tods
1713, *Aug.* 15. By a Permit, granted to *John Merry*, Woollſtapler, of *London*, for *Sheepwool*		221
1713, *Nov.* 10. By *ditto*, granted to *John Dobſon*, of *Whitny*, *Oxfordſhire*, Blanketmaker, for *Lambwooll*		78
		299

Per Contra	Creditor.	
1713, *Jul.* 27. By a Permit, granted to *John Deagle*, of *Leeds* in *Yorkſhire*, Clothier		248

Per Contra	Creditor.	
1713, *Sept.* 5. By a Permit, granted to *J. Lewin*, Woolſtap.	*Southw. Sheepw.*	63
Nov. 18. By *ditto* to *Tho. Milmay* of *Whitny*, *Oxfordſhire*,	*Lambwool*	96
		159

Per Contra	Creditor.	
1713, *Dec.* 12. By a Permit, granted to *Joſeph Reynolds*, of *Worceſter* City, Clothier, *Sheepwooll*		100
1714, *Mar.* 28. By *ditto* to *John Merry*, of *London*, Woolſtapler,	*ditto*	290
1714, *Apr.* 24. By *ditto* to *John Dobſon*, of *Whitny*, *Oxfordſhire*, Blanketmaker, for his own Work,	*Lambwooll*	256
		646

Per Contra	Creditor.	
1714, *May* 31. By Stock remaineth unſold in his Cuſtody,		400 Tods

Berkshire *chargeable with the following* Wool.

Samuel Seabrook, of *Bray* (Fellmonger) *Debtor*; Tod l. s. d.

1713, *May* 15. To 166 Tods of *Sheepwool*, at 6*d*. *per* Tod, is —— 166 04 03 00

John Goodman of *Newbury* (Farmer) *Debtor*;

1713, *Jun.* 12. To 148 Tods of *Sheepwool*, at 6*d*. *per* Tod, is —— 148 03 14 00

Simon Stiff, of *Reading* (Farmer) *Debtor*;

1712, *Jun.* 5. To Stock in hand 128 Tods of *Sheepwool*, at 6*d*. *per* Tod- 128 03 04 00
1713, *Jun.* 17. To 58 Tods *ditto*, at 6*d*. *per* Tod —— 58 01 09 00
Ditto. To 56 Tods of *Lambswool*, at 4*d*. *per* Tod- —— 56 00 18 08

242 05 11 08

Thomas Screw, of *Wantage* (Grasier) *Debtor*;

1712, *Jun.* 5. To Stock in hand then taken, being 130 T. *Sheepwool*, at 6*d*. 130 03 05 00
1713, *Jun.* 10. To 110 Tods, *ditto* —— 110 02 15 00

240 06 00 00

Henry Pinchback, of *Maidenhead*, *Debtor*;

1713, *Jun.* 10. To 188 Tods of *Sheepwool*, at 6*d*. *per* Tod —— 188 04 14 00
Ditto. To 28 Tods of *Lambswool*, at 4*d*. *per* Tod —— 78 01 06 00

266 06 00 00

Thomas Fletcher, of *Bindfield* (Farmer) *Debtor*;

1712, *Jun.* 5. To Stock in hand then taken, being 568 T. of *Sheepw.* at 6*d*. 568 14 04 00
1713, *July* 15. To 440 Tods, *ditto*, of this Years growth, at 6*d*. *per* T. 440 11 00 00

1008 25 04 00

Per Contra	*Creditor.*	*Tods.*
1713, *July* 17. By a Permit, granted to *John Deagle*, of *Leeds* in *Yorkſhire*, Clothier		166

Per Contra	*Creditor.*	
1713, *Aug.* 10. By a Permit, granted to *John Lewin*, Woolſtapler, *Southwark*, *Sheepwool*		148

Per Contra *Creditor.*

By Stock left in his Hands unſold, *viz.*

186 Tods of *Sheepwool.*
56 Tods of *Lambwool.*
242 Tods, the 31ſt of *May*, 1714.

Per Contra *Creditor.*

By Stock remains unſold in his Hands, *viz.*

240 Tods of *Sheepwool*, the 31ſt of *May*, 1714.

Per Contra *Creditor.*

By Stock remains in his Hands unſold, *viz.*

188 Tods of *Sheepwool.*
78 Tods of *Lambwool.*
266 Tods, the 31ſt of *May*, 1714.

Per Contra	*Creditor.*	
1713, *Sept.* 9. By a Permit, granted to *Peter Ellers*, of *Halifax*, *Yorkſhire*, Clothier		1008

London *and* Southwark *chargeable with the following* Wool.

	Lamb Tods	Sheep Tods
1713, *Aug.* 15. To *John Merry Woolſtapler* in *London*, by a Permit from *Thomas Knight* of *Sherrington, Bucks.*		22
Sept. 5. To *John Lewin* in *Barnaby-ſtreet Southwark*, by a Permit from *John Johnſon* of *Alisbury, Bucks.*		63
1714, *Mar.* 28. To *John Merry*, Woolſtapler in *London*, by a Permit from *Thomas Purrat* of *Newportpagnell, Bucks.* ——— *Sheepwooll.*		290
Aug. 10. To *John Lewin* in *Southwark*, by a Permit from *John Goodman* of *Newbury* in *Berkſhire.*		148
		722

Oxfordſhire *chargeable with the following* Wool.

1713, *Nov.* 10. To *John Dobſon* of *Whitny*, by a Permit from *Thomas Knight* of *Sherrington Bucks*, 78 Tods *Lambwool.*	78
Ditto, 18. To *Thomas Milemay* of *Whitny*, by a Permit from *John Johnſon* of *Alisbury Bucks*, 96 Tods *Lambwool.*	96
1714, *Apr.* 24. To *John Dobſon* of *Whitny*, by a Permit from *Thomas Purrat* of *Newportpagnell, Bucks*, 256 Tods *Lambwool.*	256
	430

Worceſterſhire *chargeable with the following* Wool.

1713, *Dec.* 12. To *Joſeph Reynolds* of *Worceſter City*, by a Permit from *Thomas Purrat* *Newportpagnell, Bucks*, 100 Tods *Sheepwool.*	100
Ditto. To *Ditto Reynolds*, by a Permit from *John Lewin* of *Barnaby-ſtreet Southwark.* ——— *Sheepwool.*	63
	163

Yorkſhire *chargeable with the following* Wool.

1713, *July* 27. To *John Deagle* of *Leeds* Clothier, by a Permit from *James Betts* of *Lathburry, Bucks*, for 248 Tod ——— *Sheepwool.*	24
Ditto. 17. To *Ditto Deagle*, by a Permit from *Samuel Seabrook* of *Bray* in *Berkſhire*, for 166 Tod ——— *Sheepwool*	16
1714, *April* 2. To *Richard Carter* of *Leeds* Clothier, by a Permit from *John Merry* of *London* Woolſtapler, for 290 Tod ——— *Sheepwool*	29
Ditto 10. To *Peter Ellers* of *Halifax* Clothier, by a Permit from *Thomas Fletcher* of *Binfield Berkſhire*, Farmer, for ——— *Sheepwool.*	100
	171

Per Contra, *Dischargeable.*

		Lamb Tods	Sheep Tods
1713, *Octob.* 24.	By a Permit granted to *Joseph Reynolds of Worcester City*, for 63 Todd of ——— *Sheepwool.*		63
1714, *April* 2.	By a Permit granted to *Richard Carter* of *Leeds Yorksh.*—*Sheepwool.*		290
			353
	Remains Stock in hand to Balance ———		369
			722

Per Contra, *Dischargeable.*

By Consumption, in making of	*Blankets.* ———	78
By Consumption in making of	*Blankets.* ———	96
By Consumption, in making of	*Blankets* ———	256
		430

Per Contra, *Dischargeable.*

By Consumption, in making	Pieces of *Broad-Cloth.* ———	100
By Consumption in making	Pieces of *Broad-Cloth.* ———	63
		163

Per Contra, *Dischargeable.*

By Consumption in making	Pieces of *Narrow-Cloth.* ———	248
By Consumption in making	Pieces of *Narrow-Cloth.* ———	166
By Consumption, in making	Pieces of *Coarse-Cloth.* ———	290
By Consumption in making	Pieces of *Coarse-Cloth* ———	1008
		1712

The whole Produce of Two Years Wool, viz. The Growth

DEBTOR.

	Lamb Tods	Sheep Tods
To *Buckinghamshire*,	530	1222
To *Berkshire*.	134	1936
	664	3158

The whole Stock and Remains of Wool, the First of June, 1714. in that Part of Great Britain, called England, and not yet in the Consumers Hands.

	Lamb Tods	Sheep Tods
Bucks, in the Hands of *William Hardhead*,	100	300
Berkshire, in the Hands of *Simon Stiff*,	56	186
Ditto, in the Hands of *Thomas Screen*,	00	240
Ditto, in the Hands of *Henry Pinchback*,	78	188
London, in the Hands of *John Merry*,	00	221
Southwark, in the Hands of *John Lewin*,	00	148
Stock in Hand from the two Counties of Bucks *and* Berkshire, *this 31st of May*, 1714.	234	1283

ock in Hand in the Year 1712, *and the* 1713.

CREDITOR.

	Lamb Tods	*Sheep Tods*
Conſumption,	430	1875
Stock in divers Perſons Hands, as before ſpecify'd	234	1283
	664	3158

Further REMARKS.

THAT a Penalty, or Penal Puniſhment, for [illegible] Perſons aiding, or aſſiſting and forwarding the ſaid Exportation of Wo[illegible] Likewiſe againſt uſing or keeping Engines, or unlawful Utenſils for Pa[illegible]ng of Wool: And alſo Penalties to extend to Wool, Woolfells, Mortlings, Sho[illegible]gs, Yarn made of Wool, *&c.*

A Draught of a PERMIT.

Suffer the Bearer hereof, A. B. *to paſs with Waggons, Carts or Horſes, from the City of* London, *to the Town of* Leeds *in* Yorkſhire, *with Ten Packs of Wool, numbered and marked as in the Margin; being the Goods of* John Merry, Woolſtapler, *of* London, *ſold to* Richard Carter *of the ſaid Town of* Leeds. *This Certificate to continue in Force* [illegible] *Days from the Date hereof, and no longer, a due Entry being made, as the Law directs.*

London, June 20. 1713.

C. D.

The Back of which Permit, to have the following Teſtification from the Officer at *Leeds*, to diſcharge the aforeſaid *John Merry*:

Received this 30th *day of* June, 1713. *the within-mentioned Ten Packs of Wool, at the Houſe of the ſaid* Richard Carter, *in* Leeds, *Clothier.*

E. F.

[illegible] Caſe the *Honourable Houſe of Commons* ſhall [illegible] it proper to lay ſo ſmall [illegible]uty as is beforementioned, upon Wool, [illegible] the Charges in preventing the Exportation thereof, for a [illegible] Yet, it is humbly hop'd, [illegible]e worth their Honours Conſideration, if the ſaid Duty was only laid upon the [illegible]uce of Wool [illegible] the Patentees of the Aulnage Duty be expi[illegible] [illegible] meaſure [illegible] anſwer all the Charges for

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FOR,

An Effectual Method to pr

vent the Exportation of

WOOL

By *Richard*

1713.

Peter

LONDON:

Sold by *J. Morphew* near *Stationers-Hall*; Mr. P

Half-Moon under the *Royal-Exchange*

Corbet, Mr. *Dodd* at the *Peacock* without *Te*

Bar, and Mr. *King* in *Westminster-Hall*, 1713.

(Price three Pen